



ALEXANDRIA.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 16.

IN MR. CLEVELAND's letter accepting the nomination of the national democratic convention, he wrote the following words: "When we consider the patronage of this great office, the allurements of power, the temptation to retain public places once gained, and, more than all, the availability of a party finds in an incumbent whom a horde of officeholders, with a zeal born of benefits received and fostered by the hope of favors yet to come, stand ready to aid with money and trained political service, we recognize in the eligibility of the President for reelection, a most serious danger to that calm, deliberate and intelligent political action which most characterizes a government by the people."

In view of Mr. Cleveland's actions since he became President, it is evident that he entertains the same ideas in '87 that he did in '84, that he thinks the eligibility of the President for reelection a "most serious danger," and that, in his own case, he has not only done and will continue to do all that is in his power to avoid that danger, but even to prevent the election of a democratic successor.

A few years ago the State assessment upon the Mount Vernon cotton factory property, in this city, was, on the petition of its owner, reduced from \$55,000 to \$25,000. A silk manufacturer in New Jersey, desiring to move his plant here, thought the property referred to would be the very place, and last week wrote to Mr. Robert Garrett, of Baltimore, the owner, asking him the price of it. He received an answer stating that the price was \$75,000, and the rent \$6,000. Mr. Garrett thus acknowledges that he deprives the State of taxes on \$50,000 worth of property. He also shows that, so far as he can, he will retard the prosperity of Alexandria; for though his property has been idle for years, and though he says he will never use it again, he drives off people who would use it, by asking for more than the cost of a new building.

ONE of the few remaining links that bound the present administration to the party that elected it has been severed by the resignation of Secretary Manning. Mr. Manning is a sensible, practical, true and consistent democrat, and, being such, must be as much opposed to the President's new fangled ideas of civil service as any other common sense democrat can be, and is doubtless as much disappointed at the course of the President as any of the other democrats who nominated and elected him. Had Mr. Manning retained his health, he would have been the one New Yorker, whose nomination at the next national democratic convention, would have been satisfactory to all democrats with democratic principles.

SENATOR SHERMAN, in speaking of the President, says: "His notions about civil service, however sincere, are feebly formulated and observed, and are jeered at and derided by his party associates—not one of his recommendations supported." Mr. Sherman only says what every man with his eyes open must see. The President's civil service reform idea is incompatible with republican institutions, and its competitive examinations and age limitation are as objectionable to republicans as to democrats. The one good object that would be achieved by Mr. Cleveland's renomination would be the speedy abolition of both these un-American features.

REPUBLICAN Congressmen and republican Presidents levied and collected the tobacco tax for twenty-five years, and in all that time the idea never occurred to them, or to their party, that there was anything wrong about that tax, especially as most of it was collected in the South. But now that the popular demand for a reduction in the revenue has raised the fear that the tariff on Northern manufactures may be reduced the republicans have suddenly waked up to the injustice of the tax referred to.

THE PRESIDENT appoints colored men to lucrative offices in Washington, and invites them to his grand receptions at the White House, in order to "recognize" them, under the erroneous impression that he will thereby gain their votes. But the Young Men's Institute of the Young Men's Christian Association, of New York city, in his own State, refuse to admit colored men to membership.

THE NEW YORK Sun, in reference to the recent unsuccessful strike in that city, says: "The strikers' worst enemies were those who, in their functions as leaders or as reporters, from one cause or another, erred, misrepresented, or lied to them, as the case might be." And the Sun never spoke truer words.

Necessity is the mother of a large brood of inventions in prohibition Maine, particularly among those to whom strong drink is a necessity. One such recently asked a Lisbon druggist to sell him some alcohol for his sore finger. The druggist would not. "Wont you pour some on my finger, then?" asked the man. The druggist said that he would, and took hold of the finger, which was completely hidden in bandages of cloth. It yielded to his touch, and he pulled at it; the bandage came off and revealed the fact that the finger was badly bogus, being made up of a sponge. It was the fellow's evident design to get the sponge well soaked and then suck out the alcohol.

The cook in an English clergyman's family has recently received a legacy of \$1,500,000.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Special Correspondence of the ALEXA. GAZETTE.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 16, 1887.

There is a rumor current about the Capitol to-day to the effect that the President will offer Mr. Carlisle the Treasury Department. It is not said that the offer has yet been made, nor that Mr. Carlisle has ever intimated that such an offer would be accepted; but only that the President has conceived the idea of making the offer.

Representative Libbey has presented the petition of citizens of Princess Anne county, Virginia, for a survey of West Neck creek, preparatory to asking an appropriation for the improvement of the same.

Major Bob Washington, of Westmoreland county, Va., is in the city to-day, urging an increase in the appropriation for improving the grounds and building a wharf at Wakefield, the birthplace of General Washington, in that county.

Senator Blackburn, of Kentucky, being asked this morning if there was any other reason for the revocation of his brother's commission as collector of internal revenue than the fact that twenty odd years ago, when a youngster, he wrote a sanguinary Southern letter, replied none other, and that the President so informed him.

The investigation of the charge that republican government is upheld in Texas was resumed this morning, but no new evidence was elicited. Governor Ireland, of Texas, is here to see that his State is not misrepresented without refutation. In the Senate Mr. Hoar's motion to extend the investigation to the charge that U. S. officers in Texas attempted to intimidate the witnesses was passed by a party vote. This motion was induced by the fact that the U. S. district attorney for Texas had sent a telegram to Attorney General Garland, who had sent a copy of it to the committee conducting the investigation, requesting that witnesses be held until he could get here, so that he might cross examine them.

After the morning hour in the Senate to-day Mr. Stanford called up his bill for chartering co-operative business in the District of Columbia, and read a long speech thereon.

It is understood that the descendants of John Sinclair, of Dumfries, Prince William county, Va., have a large and valid claim against the Government, arising under the French spoliation bill.

Messrs. M. B. Rowe and O. D. Foster, of Fredericksburg, Va., were here to-day, and with ex-representative Sener from their district, made an arrangement with some of the Virginia congressional delegation to call upon Mr. Speaker Carlisle and ask him to recognize some member of the House on the 21st inst. to move to take up the bill to complete the monument to the mother of Washington, at Fredericksburg, so that that bill may be passed by the House on the day preceding the anniversary of Washington's birthday.

The House foreign affairs committee to-day agreed on a bill for retaliating upon Canada for the seizure of American vessels. The wise advice of Mr. W. Walter Phelps was not heeded, and the Belmont bill for seizing Canadian ships and Canadian trains was practically adopted, with the provision creating a commission stricken out. It is hardly possible the Senate will agree to any such bill.

The river and harbor bill was reported in the Senate to-day. It appropriates \$300,000 for the improvement of the navigation of the Potomac river, but makes no special appropriation for an ice boat to keep open the channel during the winter.

The Senate at 2 o'clock to-day commenced hearing enologies upon the late Senator Pike, whose seat was draped in mourning. At the same hour the House commenced hearing enologies upon the late Senator Logan.

The article in the GAZETTE of Saturday last about the proposed building of an immense iron steamship in Alexandria has occasioned a good deal of talk here, and people here are already looking to Alexandria as a place of great possibilities.

Both parties in the Senate to-day held caucuses on the order of business for the remainder of the week. Each arranged its plan, and Mr. Sherman on the part of the republicans, and Mr. Harris on the part of the democrats, were designated to settle differences.

SAD ACCIDENT.—On Wednesday night last a most distressing accident occurred near Pleasant Valley, Rockingham county. A few days before a Mr. Frank married a beautiful country girl, and in their rounds of visits spending their honeymoon they stopped Wednesday at Mr. Showalter's near Pleasant Valley. After the household had retired the boys of the neighborhood, according to a long established custom, came to the house for the purpose of "belling" the young married couple. Mr. Frank and his wife, being aroused by the sound of innumerable bells, arose and entered into the amusement with their visitors, and Mr. Frank and a lady friend, in order to add to the noise, ran to a farm bell hanging near by and began ringing it most vigorously. They pulled the rope too hard, however, and the bell turning over was thrown from its place and fell, striking Mr. Frank in the forehead, fracturing his skull. The scene of merriment was at once turned to mourning, and a number of doctors summoned, and while Mrs. Frank's life is not despaired of she is now lying in a most critical condition.

Infested With Incendiaries.

STOUC CITY, Iowa, Feb. 16.—This town is in a state of great excitement over the alarming number of incendiary fires and burglaries which have occurred within a few nights. The town is infested by a set of desperate criminals who have been attracted here by the spirit of lawlessness shown by a considerable class of the community. Remarks are heard on the streets that this is the work of prohibitionists. Others say the liquor men have done it to excite sympathy.

MR. COX.—Hon. S. S. Cox went out for a short drive yesterday afternoon. He has so far recovered that he has been able to go out driving every afternoon for some days past, but he has to be helped down stairs and to his carriage. Yesterday he complained that he did not feel so bright and lightsome as the day before, and his condition fluctuates from day to day; on the whole, however, the progress toward recovery continues, though slow.

At the inquest following the sudden death of Henry Jost of St. Louis, his wife testified that for eighteen years "he had been full." It was a day to be remembered when he was sober. He began drinking whisky in the morning and kept it up all day. He never ate but one meal a day, and that was supper, and he ate very little at that meal. He lived on whisky till at last it burned the life out of him.

A 14 year old negro girl, attempting to cross the Washburn railroad tracks at La Gro, Ind., was struck by the hind car of a freight train and thrown between the ties. Fourteen cars passed over her, and when the engine reached the spot she was scooped up into the ash-pan. The engineer stopped his engine and rescued the girl. She was entirely uninjured but awfully scared.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

F. H. Alfriend, of Virginia, has been appointed assistant librarian of the Senate.

The election in Philadelphia yesterday resulted in the success of the republican ticket.

Twenty-five thousand prisoners confined in the jails throughout India will be released to-day.

The President has nominated Capt. Adolphus W. Greely to be chief signal officer, with the rank of brigadier general.

It is understood that the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. will make its road between New York and Philadelphia a four-track line.

The Berlin National Gazette states that \$5,000 have been sent from America to aid the socialist candidates in the approaching elections.

Gay W. Foster, leader of a New York gang of swindlers, who swindled country merchants, has been sentenced to state prison for six years.

Some of the freight handlers who struck in New York and Jersey City, and who are now refused work, have taken to drinking and attacking the non-union men.

In the joint session of the West Virginia Legislature yesterday one of Mr. Camden's supporters bolted and voted with the twelve anti-Camden men for Judge Okey Johnson.

The correspondence between Secretary Manning and the President in regard to the former's resignation has been made public. The President asks the Secretary to remain until April 1.

The joint resolution providing that the question of prohibition be submitted to a vote of the people of the State was passed by the Missouri House of Delegates yesterday by a vote of 76 to 53.

Mrs. Eliza Talbot Bell, of Georgia, a widow, sues the executor of the late ex-Governor Jenkins, of that state, for \$100,000, which Jenkins, without her authority, invested in Confederate bonds.

At Memphis, Tenn., yesterday, the jury in the case of L. Russell Godwin, on trial for the murder of J. Tom Dalton, in the rooms of the Peabody Hotel, on December 6, returned a verdict of not guilty.

The investigation of the alleged political outrages in Washington county, Texas, was begun by the sub-committee of the Senate committee on privileges and elections yesterday. The investigating committee consists of Senators Everts, chairman; Teller, Spooner, Pugh and Eustis.

Letter from Fauquier.

[Correspondence of the ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE.]

ORLEAN, Feb. 13.—A few minutes ride from this place on the evening of the 11th inst. landed us at "Prospect Hill," the hospitable home of Mr. A. W. Phillips, to attend the reception of his son, Mr. A. W. Phillips, who was united in matrimony to Miss Sallie Tolley, of Baltimore, on the 10th. The house at Prospect Hill is located in a most beautiful oak grove, containing about ten acres. From the front veranda may be seen the large and well tilled fields, as Mr. Phillips is one of our best farmers. Looking away to the west we see the Blue Ridge mountains in all their beauty and grandeur. Turning the eyes a little east of south can be seen those lofty peaks, the "Stony Man," the "Rag," and "Mary's Rock" towering high above the mountains by which they are surrounded. Towards the east the "Piney" and "Rappahannock" mountains loom up in the distance, and as we stand and contemplate this natural scenery, we lose sight of the realities of life and conclude that it would be pleasant to live always.

The guests, bride and groom have arrived, and are ushered into the parlor, where soon all is life and gaiety. About 7 p. m. the door to the dining room is thrown open and the guests are invited in to partake of the abundance of good things—roast turkey, cold ham, chicken, roast beef, and many other delicacies. Following this came ice cream, custard, wine and a large variety of cake, candies, raisins, oranges, etc. The time flew but too rapidly, and ere we were conscious of it the hour of eleven-thirty arrived, and the guests bade adieu to their host and hostess, all feeling that they had spent a most enjoyable evening. The bride and groom will spend a week at Prospect Hill, and then return to Baltimore, where Mr. Phillips has been engaged in business for several years. The bride, although a stranger to all, won upon the hearts of those with whom she came in contact, and not a few envied Mr. Phillips in his good fortune of having won one of the fairest of the fair. May their days be all sunshine and happiness.

Many of our farmers are plowing land for the spring crops. The wheat crop, which has been presenting such a poor appearance has greened up in the last few days, but the sudden change of weather has again checked its growth.

A heavy storm of wind passed over this section on the afternoon and night of the 11th, overturning hay and straw stacks, blowing down fences and scattering the fodder to the four winds.

A large number of partridges, wild turkeys and other game were left over from last season's shooting, and the number of fifty cents on hawk scalps is decreasing that inveterate enemy of the birds, and by so doing the latter are increasing in a proportionate ratio.

The bell, weighing 150 pounds, and purchased by the patrons of the public school, has been adjusted in the belfry and was rung on the evening of the 11th in honor of the arrival of the bridal party. DEXTER.

FRANKS OF A LUNATIC.—Boston Corbett,

the man who gained a reputation as the slayer of John Wilkes Booth, has added to his notoriety by terrorizing and capturing for a time yesterday the Kansas House of Representatives. Corbett was appointed an assistant doorkeeper at the commencement of the session. Yesterday morning, armed with two revolvers, he drove away an attendant from the hall of the House. When the Sergeant-at-Arms expostulated, he raised his revolver, and the Sergeant-at-Arms hastily left. Corbett then went in search of Speaker Smith, and finding a member who resembled that gentleman attempted to kill him, but desisted when he learned it was not the Speaker. Corbett then took possession of the Speaker's gallery, and held it during the entire morning, refusing to allow any one to come near. At 12 o'clock he sent word down to the House to adjourn or he would come down and adjourn himself. The House adjourned. Corbett was afterwards captured in the lower corridor, disarmed and taken to the police station, where he is now confined. He is a hopeless lunatic.

COURT OF APPEALS YESTERDAY.—Carroll against Beale. Appeal allowed and supersedeas awarded to a decree pronounced by the Circuit Court of Westmoreland county on the 13th of April, 1886.

Carroll against City of Lynchburg. Writ of error allowed and judgment rendered by the Corporation Court of the city of Lynchburg on the 15th of January, 1887.

McCallough against Dashiell. Argued by W. D. O'Connell, for appellant and Capt. John S. Wise for appellees and submitted.

Roy against Havens. Dismissed for failure to appear.

Scott's administrator against Isaacs, Taylor & Williams. Passed.

Danforth against Smith. Argued by T. R. B. Wright for appellant.

Lefew against Hooper, trustee. Argued by Judge John S. Christian for appellant, and S. D. Davies for appellees and submitted.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Major A. A. Pitman, an old and well-known citizen of Lexington, died yesterday. The deceased was for many years manager of Rawley Springs.

Lottie Howard, a white woman from Petersburg, was arrested in Norfolk on Monday night, charged with grand larceny, and carried back to Petersburg.

Mr. R. E. Garnett, of Henrico, who was bitten a few days ago by a mare believed to have died of hydrophobia, has yet experienced no unpleasant symptoms of the dread disease.

Four persons confined in the Harrisonburg jail for their escape Monday night. They fired the bed in their cell before leaving, but it was discovered before much damage was done.

Gov. Lee has received a number of invitations to participate in celebrations on the 22d of February, among them one from the Young Men's Democratic Association of Brooklyn. The Governor will be unable to accept any of them.

Gov. Lee having been officially notified of the completion of the Southwestern Lunatic Asylum, at Marion, Smyth county, has appointed a board of visitors, composed of nine members, who will meet shortly for the purpose of organizing and electing officers of the institution.

On Saturday afternoon the schooner George H. Hoyt, Captain A. J. Hubbard, bound from Baltimore to Cape Charles with a cargo of rubble stone, sunk off the Wolf Trap in about sixty feet of water. The crew took to the boats with their valuables and escaped to the lighthouse, where they were cared for.

Capt. J. H. Higbee, United States Marine Corps, was recently tried by court martial at Norfolk on a charge of drunkenness while on duty, and was convicted and sentenced to be suspended from rank and duty on half pay for three years. The Secretary of the Navy has mitigated this sentence to eighteen months' suspension on half pay, etc.

In case the republicans succeed in electing a majority of the Legislature next fall, many of that party, it is stated, will elect Hon. John Paul, U. S. Judge for the Western district of Virginia, to the U. S. Senate. So far as the debt question is concerned, it is believed that the republicans will, in the next contest, advocate the repeal of all the obstructive measures adopted by the two last democratic Legislatures.

Mr. William L. Royall, of Richmond, has filed his answer to the rule against him for contempt and the plea to the information filed charging an intimidation of the grand jury. Both are substantially the same. The main points are that it is a privilege and immunity of every citizen of the United States to sue whomsoever he pleases in any court, but particularly in the courts of the United States, and that he is protected in this right by the Constitution and laws of the United States, and particularly by the fourteenth amendment.

Young Men's Christian Association.

At the meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association held Monday in the Second Presbyterian church, in the absence of the President at the opening, Mr. W. L. Hains, the State Secretary, was elected to the chair, and Mr. A. H. Thomson was appointed to act as Secretary pro tem. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. I. M. Mercer.

The committee on revision of the constitution and by-laws made their report which was read, taken up in detail, discussed, amended and adopted, to go into effect at once. The most important change is in regard to the executive committee which is superseded by a board of directors composed of the chief officers and one representative from each of the evangelical churches of the city. The secretary and recording secretary of the old constitution also are superseded by the recording secretary and the general secretary of the new.

Mr. N. S. Greenaway offered his resignation of the presidency which was accepted, and by a rising vote the thanks of the association were tendered him for his faithful services during trying and discouraging difficulties. Mr. A. G. Uhler was elected president, Mr. M. P. Hobson was continued in the first vice presidency, Mr. J. C. Smoot elected to the second vice presidency, Mr. N. S. Greenaway, recording secretary, Mr. M. Lee Starke, of Atlanta, Ga., was elected general secretary and a committee, N. S. Greenaway, M. P. Hobson, and A. H. Thomson, were appointed to correspond with Mr. Starke at once with regard to his entering upon the work without delay.

To these officers were added by election the following named gentlemen, who with the officers shall constitute the board of directors who have general charge of this whole work of the association: F. A. Reed, First Presbyterian church; J. J. Jamieson, Second Presbyterian church; J. C. O'Neal, Trinity M. E. Church; R. F. Tucker, M. E. Church, South; J. R. Caton, M. P. Church; F. G. Rogers, Baptist Church; P. B. Peyton, Grace Church; W. W. Parker, St. Paul's; G. Wm. Ramsey, Christ Church.

The rules were suspended and the following persons elected members of the association: Frank S. English, Wm. W. Parker, Glenn Brown, Oscar F. Carter, Ashby Miller, H. M. Reed, J. G. Cockey, and J. J. Jamieson.

B. P. Padgett was changed from an associate member to an active member.

The committee on rooms, G. R. Hill, chairman, reported progress and were continued with directions to enlarge the scope of their inquiries and look for permanent as well as temporary rooms for the association.

J. C. Smoot, G. R. Hill and A. G. Uhler were appointed delegates to the Y. M. C. A. State Convention to meet in St. Louis, February 24 to 27. A unanimous and most cordial vote of thanks was given to Mr. H. O. Williams, the State Secretary, for the very acceptable and successful manner in which he has helped to the resurrection of the association, and upon motion of Rev. Mr. Mercer the association united in devout thanksgiving and in earnest prayer for the welfare of the secretary in his work elsewhere and everywhere as here, and even more abundantly.

The board of directors were requested to consider and provide for special meetings until the arrival of the General Secretary.

The Woman's Auxiliary Society also had a meeting Monday, and now number more than eighty members, including much of the finest working power among the women of the city. They hope to double their number by their meeting next Monday, at 3 1/2 p. m., in Trinity M. E. Church.

It is thus manifest that a great impulse forward has been given to Y. M. C. A. work among us. And yet this is but a beginning. When you consider the object proposed, one that appeals to the noblest feelings of every Christian—patriotic and philanthropic heart, the question is boldly asked, To what can people of this city better give their time, their money, their labor and their prayers than to such a work as this? Let there be a cordial and universal response to this call to the noblest service, that generations to come may rise up and call us blessed.

Nineteen Stores Burglarized.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Feb. 16.—Nineteen stores were broken into last night by a gang of burglars. Their extensive efforts were not, however, well rewarded, as the entire booty aggregated but \$50, in money and \$15 or \$20 worth of goods.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup never fails to cure a cough or cold in a short time. Give it a fair trial.

Mr. J. Thomas, (of Thomas & Co., Real Estate Brokers), 58 Saratoga Street, Baltimore, Md., induces ecstatically Salvation Oil for neuralgia.



ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCHES

To-day's Proceedings of Congress. WASHINGTON, Feb. 16, 1887. SENATE.

The presiding officer laid before the Senate "what purported to be" the credentials of David Turpie, elected Senator from the State of Indiana for six years, commencing March 4, 1887. The certificate is signed by the Governor, whose signature is certified by the Secretary of State.

Mr. McMillan, from the Committee on Commerce, reported back the House river and harbor bill, with amendments, and gave notice that he would move to take it up to-morrow, after the morning hour.

The Senate at an early hour resumed consideration of the bill to increase the naval establishment.

The resolution offered yesterday by Mr. Hoar to have the Committee on Privileges and Elections inquire as to whether the District Attorney or Marshal of the western district of Texas has been attempting to obstruct the investigation or to intimidate witnesses, was taken up and adopted.

The House insisted upon its amendment to the Senate trade dollar bill, and agreed to the conference requested by the Senate.

Mr. Belmont, of New York, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, reported back the Senate retaliation bill, with a substitute therefor, which was ordered printed and recommitted. Mr. Belmont gave notice that he would ask the House to act upon the measure on Wednesday next, immediately after the reading of the journal.

Mr. Rice, of Massachusetts, gave notice that he would file a minority report.

A resolution was adopted calling on the Secretary of State for information as to what action has been taken to protect the interests of American citizens whose property was destroyed by insurgents at Aspinwall.

Foreign Items.

VIENNA, Feb. 16.—Questions asked the government in the Reichsrath yesterday in relation to the proposed credit for military purposes elicited the information that Hungary would only enroll in the landsturm such men as already had military training or were likely to make good soldiers. Numerous exemptions would be made. In Austria the enrolment of men under the age of 42 years would be almost universal. Ex-officers up to the age of 60 years would also be enrolled. Men who are only fitted for ambulance or office work will not be exempted. It is semi-officially stated that an Austro-Hungarian treaty to continue ten years will be arranged and will go into operation in 1888.

The cholera at Esseggy is decreasing. VIENNA, Feb. 16.—Two carnival balls were held in Vienna last night, one by the Polish Society and the other by the Concordia club. The latter is an organization of authors and artists. There were brilliant assemblages at both balls. Crown Prince Rudolph was present at both entertainments. At the Polish ball, speaking of the political situation, he observed: "Let us hope that the crisis will pass without war. If it does not, however, we shall do our duty."

BRUSSELS, Feb. 16.—Gen. Brialmont is to conduct experiments with the new explosive melinite to be made at Namur.

Flooded.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—When the snow melted so rapidly last week the water from towns along the Illinois Central railroad, following the natural slope of the country, flowed eastward and lodged in the district bound by Grand Crossing, Stony Island, Pullman and South Chicago, completely inundating the most of that region and transforming it into a vast lake. In South Chicago a disastrous flood exists and not a little suffering has been occasioned. A large portion of the town lying west of the Baltimore and Ohio and north of the Pittsburgh and Fort Wayne tracks is under water and seems likely to remain so for some time to come. Commercial avenue, which is the principal thoroughfare running north and south, is flooded in several places and the basements of all of the houses on both sides of the street are flooded. At the junction of Commercial avenue and Eighty-eight street, all of the crossings are inundated and temporary bridges have been erected to accommodate pedestrians and on several other streets the same condition of affairs exists. West of Exchange and on the northern limit of the town is what is known as the Polish settlement. It is there that the most trouble exists. All of the houses are flooded and the suffering is quite severe. Grand Crossing has suffered considerably from the flood.

Order of Business.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 16.—Both parties in the Senate held "order of business" caucuses this morning. A list of measures on the calendar prepared by the republican caucus committee was laid before the democratic caucus and certain changes were indicated as to the order in which it was desired that measure should come up. In the republican caucus Senators were afforded an opportunity to express afresh their preferences. Senators Sherman and Harris, the chairmen respectively, of the caucus committees, armed with the opinions of their caucuses, were authorized to confer with each other and reach a compromise upon the points of difference. They will probably meet to-morrow morning and arrange definitively an order of business for the rest of the session.

Sundays and Holidays not Included.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Acting Secretary Fairchild has informed the Collector of Customs at Norfolk that Sundays and holidays are not to be included in the four days' time allowed for the filing of "supplemental manifests" in cases of shipments of tobacco or other merchandise.

The Late Strike.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Master Workman Quinn of District Assembly 49, Knights of Labor, called at the Mallory line pier to-day and told Mr. Charles Mallory that he had come to settle the labor trouble on that pier. Mr. Mallory said "We have not got any trouble with our men and I know you never worked on this pier and therefore I have no knowledge of you." Mr. Mallory walked away and an officer escorted 49's representative outside the gate. Some of the old hands are back at work on this dock and the steamers are sailing on time. There is some trouble still to keep freight from accumulating on the Morgan dock, as the Italians have all been disposed of and the strikers have not been taken back. The company has offered the strikers work at 25 cents per hour for day work and 35 for night, but the men refused to accept any other rates but 40 and 60 as before the strike. The busy season is just commencing on the piers of the deep sea going vessels and this leads to the conclusion that in a very short time most of the strikers will be at work.

Charged with Lynching.

FORT SMITH, Ark., Feb. 16.—John Hoge, High Butler, John Miller, John Means, Cal Turner, Bud McKenzie and Lewis Brewer were brought in from the Chickasaw country yesterday, charged with hanging two men named Williams and Morgan and a boy named Moon, on the 15th of June, 1885, near Healdtown. The two men were in custody on a charge of horse stealing and the boy happened along when the lynching was in progress, and it is stated that the lynching party hung him also to keep him from becoming a witness. All are men of prominence, High Butler and Cal Turner being citizens of Green county, Texas. They gave bonds in the sum of \$35,000 and their case will likely receive the attention of the grand jury.

Traveling Bar Room.

ATLANTA, Ga., February 16.—For several mornings a negro named Thomas Gay has been noticed catting around at houses and private rooms, having upon his arm a large hamper basket. An officer stopped him yesterday, examined his basket and found that it was a perambulating saloon. Within the basket were two large bottles of whiskey, four wine glasses, a bowl of sugar, a bottle of bitters and teaspoons. There was also a tin bucket of water and a towel. In the bottom of the basket was a wooden frame with holes in which the bottles, glasses, sugar bowl, etc., were fitted. The outfit was complete, and the liquor sold by the saloonist was of the best. Gay's home was examined and fifty kegs of whiskey were found therein.

Steamer Ashore.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The Guion Line Steamship Wisconsin, from Liverpool for New York, is ashore on the outer bar, 15 miles east of Fire Island. The stranded vessel was discovered at 8:15 o'clock this morning when a fog that had prevailed during the night lifted. She is hard on the beach and a heavy sea is running. No communication has yet been had with the vessel from the beach, but her passengers and mails are stated to be safe.

The Philadelphia Election.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 16.—The vote in full for municipal officers here yesterday was as follows: For mayor—Fidler, rep., 90,497; Keim, dem., 62,204; Phillips, rep., 1,664. Fidler's plurality, 28,293. For receiver of Taxes—Clay, rep., 79,427; Benton, dem., 71,647; Franks, labor, 1,279; Clay's plurality 7,780. City solicitor—Warwick, rep., 95,893; Arundel, dem., 57,646; Keyser, labor, 1,263. Warwick's plurality 38,247.

Collapse of Snow Sheds.

VIRGINIA CITY, Nev., Feb.